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Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-8, 10-28, and 31-33 are pending in the application, with claims 17 and 32 being the independent claims. Claims 17 and 32 were amended to present generic claims to the disclosed invention. Claims 1-3, 5, 10, 11, 13-18, 20-21, 23-26, 28, 31, and 32 were amended to more clearly claim the present invention. Claims 9, 29, and 30 were cancelled and claim 33 was added. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

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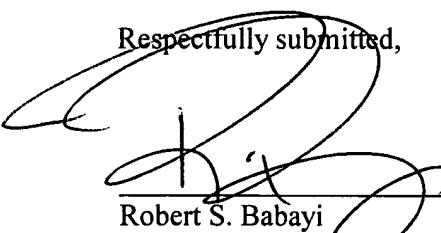
Election of Species

The restriction requirement states that "currently, there is no claim that is generic." The applicant respectfully submits that as amended above claims 17 and 32 are the generic claims of the present application. In any event, applicant hereby elects, without traverse, Group IV directed towards Figure 8. Claims 2, 3, 5, 11-19, 21-23, 25, 26, and 31-33 read on such species. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed.

Applicants assert the right to claim additional species in the event that a generic claim thereto is found to be allowable in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.141(a). Applicants also reserve the right to file divisional applications for the non-elected claims. Consideration and allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested.

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